

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/8/2021

Staff Report No. 11-256k

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Michael A. Hursh, General Manager

SUBJECT: Dumbarton Bridge Regional Operations Consortium (DBROC) Cooperative Agreement

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into an extension of the Dumbarton Bridge Regional Operations Consortium (DBROC) Cooperative Agreement from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in conjunction with the six-month extension of the service contract.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

Goal - Convenient and Reliable Service

Initiative - Service Quality

Extending the cooperative agreement will ensure a structure of administration, governance, and oversight for the Dumbarton Express during the six-month extension period.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no expected budgetary impact of extending the Cooperative Agreement term by six months. Except for a minor amount of AC Transit staff time, the Dumbarton Express service itself is fully funded by Regional Measure 2 bridge toll revenues and EasyPass program revenues generated by Stanford University and Stanford Medical Center.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Dumbarton Bridge Regional Operations Consortium (DBROC or the Consortium) consists of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), the City of Union City (Union City Transit), the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) under a Cooperative Agreement dated December 19, 2011. The Cooperative Agreement also codifies oversight and governance of the service. The Cooperative Agreement has been extended concurrently with the contract for MV Transportation to operate the Dumbarton Express service; like that contract, the Cooperative Agreement is set to expire December 31, 2021.

At the February 10, 2021 Consortium meeting, the City of Union City confirmed that it would lead the procurement process to have a contract in place for a Dumbarton Express service provider effective January 1, 2022. The City of Union City recently informed District staff that the release of Request for Proposal (RFP) is

delayed. Unfortunately, the goal of having a new contract and service provider in place by the January 1, 2022 cannot be met due to the delays in the procurement process. Staff recommends authorizing an extension of the Dumbarton Express contract with MV Transportation for approximately six months to permit continuity of service and allow the procurement to conclude. In order to preserve the established administrative and governance structure, staff recommends an extension of the Cooperative Agreement for the same six-month period.

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

The advantage of extending the Cooperative Agreement is that AC Transit is able to continue its administration and oversight of the Dumbarton Express service. In addition, extending the Cooperative Agreement would help to maintain continuity of the service and the decision-making process. There are no known disadvantages to extending the Cooperative Agreement.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

The alternative is that the District could let the Cooperative Agreement expire. Staff does recommend this because there would be no formal framework for administration and oversight of the Dumbarton Express service.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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